

New York's Rising Costs of Prescription Drugs

New York City

Prescription Drug	Current Monthly Cost	Cost Increase 2001-2003*	Cost Increase June 2003-June 2004**	Total Cost Increase Since 2001
Allegra	\$84.44	13.8%	9.2%	23.0%
Norvasc	\$54.49	6.6%	11.5%	18.1%
Prevacid	\$151.16	15.4%	1.8%	17.2%
Lipitor	\$83.18	16.8%	9.3%	26.1%
Celebrex	\$100.60	14.0%	12.4%	26.4%

Long Island

Prescription Drug	Current Monthly Cost	Cost Increase 2001-2003*	Cost Increase June 2003-June 2004**	Total Cost Increase Since 2001
Allegra	\$83.74	13.8%	5.5%	19.3%
Norvasc	\$55.62	6.6%	13.0%	19.6%
Prevacid	\$151.08	15.4%	2.8%	18.2%
Lipitor	\$82.03	16.8%	8.4%	25.2%
Celebrex	\$101.57	14.0%	13.7%	27.7%

* Reflects national data. **Projection.

Source: Schumer estimates based on data from Families USA and Schumer studies (June 2003 and March 2004) of local pharmacies.